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A METHOD OF ESTIMATING THE LOCATION OF A DEVICE

the specification of which (check one)

is attached hereto
 was filed on _____ as Application Serial No: and was amended on (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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GREAT BRITAIN	0012641.7	25-05-2000	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____
			Yes _____ No _____

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35 United States Code §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

PRIOR UNITED STATES APPLICATION(S)

APPLICATION SERIAL NUMBER	FILING DATE	STATUS (PATENTED, PENDING, ABANDONED)

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comprising the steps of determining the location of a separately housed, second device located near to the first device; providing the location of the second device to the first device; and using the location of the second device as an estimate of the location of the first device, wherein the second device is
5 arranged to perform a function based on its location other than providing its location as an estimate of the location of the first device.

The method of the first aspect of the present invention provides more efficient use of location determining means such as GPS receivers whereby one location determining means is able to service at least two devices. NB. the
10 second device being arranged to perform a function based on its location other than providing its location as an estimate of the location of the first device is not intended to include an embodiment wherein the second device is a standalone location determining means whose sole purpose is to provide the first device with a location fix.

15 The location of the second device may be provided to the first device using a physical communications link such as a cable joining the first and second devices or, alternatively, using a wireless communications link such as a Bluetooth link.

In accordance with a second aspect of the present invention, there is
20 provided a method of providing an estimate of the location of a first device comprising the steps of determining the location of a separately housed, second device located near to the first device; providing the location of the second device to the first device; and using the location of the second device as an estimate of the location of the first device, wherein the location of the
25 second device is provided to the first device using a wireless communications link, again such as Bluetooth.

A method in accordance with either the first or second aspects of the present invention may further comprise the step of sending a request from the first device to the second device that the second device provide its location to
30 the first device. Where this is the case, and where the first device comprises location determining means to determine its location, the request may be sent when and preferably only when the location determining means is inoperative.